



Eddie A. Perez  
Mayor

## **MAYOR PEREZ TAKES PART IN PANEL DISCUSSION TO COMBAT GUN VIOLENCE**

### **-----MEDIA ADVISORY-----**

**WHEN:** Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** The Lyceum Resource and Conference Center  
227 Lawrence Street  
Hartford's Frog Hollow neighborhood

**WHO:** Mayor Perez, Legislative leaders  
Public Safety Officials, Community Organizations

Mayor Eddie Perez is speaking out against gun violence and outlining what steps he feels need to be taken in order to curb this problem throughout Connecticut. The Mayor will take part in a panel discussion entitled "Defining Solutions to Gun Violence," sponsored by the community collaborative "Connecticut Against Gun Violence."

Mayor Perez says, "It takes all of us to take control of our streets and to make our neighborhoods safer and more vibrant. Overall violent crime in Hartford is down 12-percent in 2005 compared to 2004. There were 1559 fewer crimes, but still too many disagreements are being settled with a weapon. Progress is being made thanks to a partnership on the federal level. However, more work needs to be done at the state level especially in the areas of tracking illegal firearms and reporting lost and stolen guns."

For more information on the event, please contact Lisa Labella with "Connecticut Against Gun Violence" at (203) 268-3050.

For more on the Mayor's role, contact Sarah Barr, Director of Communications at (860) 522-4888 x6217.